

St. Theresa's Parish

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 9 (Private Mass)

Tuesday, August 10 (Livestreamed)

Saint Lawrence

7:00 pm Birthday and Thanksgiving of Onyinye Nwosisi

Healing of Maria Corazon Buenafe

† Areopagita Agorrilla (*Claire Barrozo*)

† Vincenza Caruso (*Cora Buggea & family*)

† Ignazio Miroddi (*Cora Buggea & family*)

Wednesday, August 11 (Livestreamed)

Saint Clare

7:00 pm † Claude & Dorothy King (*Daphe King*)

† Patricia Anderson (*Daphe King*)

Thursday, August 12 (Private Mass)

For the People

Friday, August 13 (Livestreamed)

7:00 pm † Deceased members of the Cusi Family

Saturday, August 14 (Livestreamed)

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

5:00 pm Thanksgiving and Birthday Blessings for

Margaret David

Sunday, August 15 (Livestreamed)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am † Theresa Nwosisi (*Onyinye Nwosisi*)

† Oliva Penafiel (*Megan Festin*)

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS.
REGISTRATION IS THROUGH [EVENTBRITE](#).

REGISTRATION ENDS FRIDAY AT 3 PM.

CHURCH IS OPEN 30 MINS BEFORE THE MASS.
MASS TIME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES, REGISTRATION IS AT
THE DOOR.

Confessions

By Appointment Only

Baptisms

Every Fourth Sunday of the month

Preparation Class – By appointment only

Weddings

Couples planning to be married should contact
the priest one year in advance.

A marriage preparation course is mandatory.

Parish Schools

St. Theresa's Shrine School – (416) 393-5248

(416) 393-5519

TCDSB – (416) 222-8282 ext. 5314

Archdiocese of Toronto

(416) 934-0606 • www.archtoronto.org

Parish Outreach

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

(416) 261-7498 ext. 4



Let Us Pray for Our Sick

Anton & Bobby Melchers, Dcn Bobby Rosales, Rosie Jane Rocha, Frederick Lopez, Danny and Pamela Dupley, Lilibeth Koochi, Rolando Abanilla, Salvacion Lingad, Adam Jane Villalon, Shirley Baker, Madeleine Franco, Sophy McDonald, Gail MacEachern, Jolanta Mirkowski-Paszal, Rene Romero, Jane Frias Eigo, Elizabeth Callaghan, James Halder, Phyllis Randolph, Caroline Maiden, Danny Gomes, Karlos Ebcas, Chona Sunico

For the Dead

Basil Scala, William 'Bill' Austin, Romeo Barrozo, Ivania Maria Bonilla, Dino Penafiel, Benigna Vizcara, Muriel Barrett, Patricia Anderson, Maureen Bridgalsingh

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUG 8, 2021

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

The Lord feeds Elijah, strengthening him for his journey to Horeb.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9

A prayer of praise to God for his goodness

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:30—5:2

The Ephesians are encouraged to be imitators of Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 6:41-51

Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heaven.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Today's Gospel focuses our attention on our faith in Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Jesus is the bread of life. He gives us his Body and Blood as bread so that we may have eternal life. When we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist, our lives begin to reflect the reality that our communion with Jesus prepares in us. Our Eucharist leads us to live as people of the promise, confident that we will one day share the fullness of life with God.

As you gather as a family, talk about our hope that one day we will share eternal life with God in heaven. This hope can transform the way we live our daily lives, calling us to be people of hope and expectation. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises us this gift of eternal life in the Eucharist. Read together today's Gospel, John 6:41-51. Observe that Jesus taught us that those who listen to God know that Jesus has been sent by God for the life of the world. Jesus fulfills this promise to us through his passion, death, and Resurrection. He gives us the gift of himself in the Eucharist, which is his Body and Blood, given so that we may have eternal life. Conclude in prayer together asking God to increase our faith in Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Pray together the [Act of Faith](#).

(Taken from www.loyolapress.com)

Take and Eat: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us.

We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to “murmur” against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see [Exodus 16:2, 7, 8](#); [1 Corinthians 10:10](#)).

The Gospel today uses the same word, “murmur,” to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert.

Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the “son” of Joseph and Mary.

Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see [Exodus 3:1–2](#)), touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world (see [Matthew 26:26](#)).

This taste of the heavenly gift (see [Hebrews 6:4–5](#)) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert.

So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see [Isaiah 63:10](#)).

Let us say to God as Elijah did, “Take my life.” Not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

(Taken from *Breaking the Bread*, [Sunday Bible Reflections – St. Paul Center \(stpaulcenter.com\)](#))

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

*For The Church's Mission
of Evangelization*



Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

STEWARDSHIP

One goal of stewardship is to increase everyone's engagement in parish life.

We are all invited to become more involved in the many different ways that we can serve others.

Have you thought about serving your parish as an usher, a cleaner, a lector, a choir member, an altar server, or a member of another ministry? St. Theresa's has volunteer roles that make our parish life truly vibrant.

We invite you to read Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship. Then, please use our suggested questions for **personal reflection** for a deeper understanding of stewardship.

Contact the parish office if you'd like to get started in one of our opportunities soon. A Sign-Up sheet is also available in the vestibule.

PASTORAL LETTER ON STEWARDSHIP

Crises are signs that church is still alive, pope says

by Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

Difficulties and crises within the Catholic Church are not signs of a church in decline but one that is alive and living through challenges, just like men and women today, Pope Francis said.

"Let us remember that the church always has difficulties, always is in crisis, because she's alive. Living things go through crises. Only the dead don't have crises," he said.

In a video message released by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network Aug. 3, the pope offered his prayer intention for the month of August, which is dedicated to the church's mission of evangelization.

At the start of each month, the network posts a short video of the pope offering his specific prayer intention. The church's call to evangelize and not proselytize, he said, is more than just a vocation; it is a part of the Catholic Church's identity.

"We can only renew the church by discerning God's will in our daily life and embarking on a transformation guided by the Holy Spirit. Our own reform as persons is that transformation. Allowing the Holy Spirit, the gift of God, in our hearts reminds us what Jesus taught and helps us put it into practice," the pope said.

Catholics can renew the church only by "discerning God's will in our daily life" and putting Jesus' teaching into practice, he added.

"Let us begin reforming the church with a reform of ourselves, without prefabricated ideas, without ideological prejudices, without rigidity, but rather by moving forward based on spiritual experience — an experience of prayer, an experience of charity, an experience of service," the pope said.

Before reciting his prayer intention, Francis expressed his hope for "an even more missionary option" that "goes out to meet others without proselytism."

"Let us pray for the church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel," he said.

The Pope Video was first launched in 2016 to encourage people to join an estimated 50 million Catholics who already had a more formal relationship with the prayer network — better known by its former title, the Apostleship of Prayer.

*Thank you to the Sponsors of this week's
livestreaming of Mass*



**Nestor & Angelita Cusi
Judy Romero**



Thank You for Your Offering

Offertory: \$1373 Renovation: \$470

St. Theresa's Parish is always grateful and appreciates your generosity and continuing support.

Receive The Lord's Many Blessings

"This week let us in a particular way pray that Christ touches the hearts of those who struggle with faith in the Eucharist – that they may come to the Lord and receive His many blessings." Read more of the stewardship reflection for the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

[READ MORE](#)

EVENTS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference SAVE-THE-DATE!

If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with others serving in parish ministry, to pray together, to learn together and to be re-energized, you won't want to miss this upcoming conference! Come join us from October 26 through October 30 for our virtual 4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference, **"With Burning Hearts!"** Space is limited so register right away!

Registration opens Saturday, August 7, 2021

Visit: www.archtoronto.org/conference

STREET PATROL

Wednesdays until September 1

St. Patrick's Parish 131 McCaul Street, Toronto

You or your group like to help the homeless? Street Patrol is a walk-through Toronto's downtown core, offering food and friendship to the homeless. Food and drinks are prepared independently ahead of time by you or your group. You may volunteer once or as many times as you wish. Individuals or small groups do not need to contact Street Patrol in advance. You may just show up. Larger groups (12 people or more), please book ahead.

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2021 ShareLife Parish Campaign



Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need. **To date, our parish has raised \$28,480 or 78% toward our goal of \$36,400.00.**

PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

Please make sure to call 416-261-7498 to book an appointment.

MONDAY	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
TUESDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	1:00 – 6:00 PM
THURSDAY SATURDAY, SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	Office is CLOSED

Holy Spirit Fire Night

Saturday, August 7, from 6 pm to 7 pm

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE YOUTH MINISTRY OF THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COUNCIL (CCRC) OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Calling all youth, ages 12 to 19!

Join our annual celebration virtually and free of charge on Saturday, August 7 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Anointed praise & worship by Steadfast Worship, an awesome talk by Daniel Oberg, CCO Missionary, and so much more! No need to register! Simply join the live conference via YouTube

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Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed – August 18

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate a special livestreamed Mass in honour of our faithful departed on Wednesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass can be [viewed on the cathedral's website](#).

We hope you can join us in prayer for the faithful departed. Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services.